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Re: Two Surveys on Public Access to Patent Information and Numbering Systems

Madam,
Sir,

At its seventh session, the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) approved two questionnaires on Public Access to Patent Information (PAPI) and Numbering Systems of IP Offices (IPOs). The CWS requested the Secretariat to issue a circular inviting IPOs to respond to the surveys on Public Access to Patent Information and IPO Numbering Systems. (See paragraphs 193 to 195 and 197 to 201 of document CWS/7/29.)

The PAPI survey will be used to collect information for the public on patent data available at each IPO and how to access it. The Numbering Systems survey will be used to collect IPOs' practices on publication and registration numbers and update [Part 7.2.2](#) of the WIPO Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation.

Your Office/Organization is kindly invited to participate in these surveys with the following URLs:

<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5359502/papi-part-1>

<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5441257/numbering>

The surveys are available in English, French and Spanish. When you load the survey, the online platform will select a default language based on your browser settings. You can change the language using the dropdown menu in the top right corner of the web page.

You can save your survey responses at any time and continue later with the "Save and continue" link at the top of the page. When your answers are finalized, click "Submit your final answers" on the last page of the survey (Review page). Please note that your Office/Organization should submit only one response for each survey.

It would be appreciated if your Office/Organization could submit your responses by March 27, 2020. Any questions can be directed to the Secretariat at cws.surveys@wipo.int.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kunihiko Fushimi', written in a cursive style.

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